

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A hair brush for cutting hair comprising:

a brush in which ~~multiple~~ a plurality of rows of bristles are spread out on a brush body, having

wherein said bristles have a longitudinal direction and are set ~~wherein the longitudinal direction is~~ upright on [[a]] the brush [[body]],

wherein [[a]] at least one planar cutter blade having a longitudinal axis and having a cutting edge is provided with [[a]] the cutting edge [[is]] set parallel to and facing the longitudinal direction of at least one of the bristles and upright ~~nearby said bristles;~~ and

wherein said at least one bristle is within a plane defined by said planar cutter blade and is generally parallel to the cutting edge of said planar blade and spaced therefrom.

2. (currently amended) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein the cutting edge of said cutter blade is disposed so as to face the bristles, wherein hair is forcibly bundled between the cutting edge and the bristles, so as to bundle the hair and cut the hair.

3. (currently amended) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein said cutter blade is set upright in an area of the hair brush which is less than an entire length of the brush, wherein excessive amounts of hair are not cut.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein the height of the cutting edge of said cutter blade is set lower than the height of the bristles.

6. (currently amended) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a height of the cutting edge of said cutter blade is roughly equal to the height of the bristles, and a protective member for the scalp is provided on an upper end of the cutter.

7. (currently amended) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein said cutter blade and bristles are inclined so as to separate gradually, wherein a distance between the cutter blade and bristles is increased in upward and outward directions from the body.

8. (currently amended) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein the cross section of the bristles adjacent to said cutter blade on

the cutting edge side of said cutter blade is at least in the form of a circular arc.

9. (currently amended) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a cover with a U-shaped cross section in a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the bristles in areas where a cutting edge is exposed, wherein the cutting edge of the cutter blade is accommodated inside the cover so as to be exposed through an opening in the cover, and projections protruding slightly beyond the extension line of the cutting edge in the direction perpendicular to the extension line of the cutting edge of the cutter are provided with constant spacing in said cover to prevent cutting edge exposure.

10. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit for a hair brush in which bristles are set upright in a cutting unit base, a cutter provided with a cutting edge is set upright nearby the bristles, and the cutting edge of the cutter is disposed so as to face the bristles is provided so that it can be attached to the brush body and detached therefrom.

11. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein said cutting unit is provided so that it can be attached to the brush body and detached therefrom.

12. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a fitting hole is provided in said brush body and the cutting unit base of said replaceable cutting unit for a hair brush is configured so as to correspond to the fitting hole.

13. (currently amended) A hair brush in which multiple bristles are set upright on a brush body, according to claim 1, wherein bristles on which ~~cutters are~~ the cutter blade is mounted serve as holding members ~~for cutters~~, and bristles which are not provided with cutters are set upright on the brush body, and wherein ~~cutting edges~~ a cutting edge of said ~~cutters are~~ cutter blade is arranged so as to face the bristles which are not provided with cutters.

14. (withdrawn) A hair brush in which multiple bristles are set upright on a brush body, wherein

a cutter with height less than the height of the bristles is provided in a certain region of the brush body between the bristles, and the cutting edge of the cutter is directed to the outside of the brush body and is disposed so as to be separated from the brush body.

15. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which bristles are set

upright in a cutting unit base and the cutter comprising a cutting edge is set upright nearby said bristles.

16. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which bristles are set upright in the cutting unit base, the cutter comprising a cutting edge is set upright nearby said bristles, and the cutting edge of the cutter is disposed so as to face the bristles.

17. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which a cutter is set upright in a cutting unit base.

18. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which a cutting edge of the cutter is disposed so as to face the adjacent bristles.

19. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which the height of the cutting edge of said cutter is set lower than the height of the bristles.

20. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which the height of the cutting edge of said cutter is almost equal to the height of the

bristles, and a protective member for the scalp is provided on the upper end of the cutter.

21. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which said cutter and bristles are inclined so as to come apart gradually, increasing the distance therebetween, in the upward direction.

22. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which the cross section of the bristles adjacent to said cutter on the cutting edge side of said cutter is at least in the form of a circular arc.

23. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which a cover with an approximately U-shaped cross section is provided, the cutting edge of the cutter is accommodated inside the cover so as to be exposed through an opening in the cover, and projections protruding slightly beyond the extension line of the cutting edge in a direction perpendicular to the extension line of the cutting edge of the cutter are provided with constant spacing in said cover.

24. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which both bristles also

serving as holding members for cutters, on which the cutters are mounted, and bristles not provided with said cutters are set upright on a cutting unit base, and the cutting edges of said cutters are arranged so as to face the bristles which are not provided with cutters.

25. (withdrawn) A hair brush according to claim 1, wherein a replaceable cutting unit is provided in which a pair of support members for a cutter are set upright with a constant spacing therebetween on a cutting unit base, and a cutting edge of the cutter is disposed between the pair of support members for a cutter so as to be directed outward of the cutting unit base and to be separated from the cutting unit base.